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TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, GH  
SUBJ: SMC BANS CRITICAL NEWSPAPER

1. GHANA'S RULING SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC)  
HAS HALTED PUBLICATION OF KUMASI PIONEER, ONE OF THE  
COUNTRY'S TWO INDEPENDENT PAPERS. ACCORDING TO MAY 21  
STORY IN CATHOLIC STANDARD (THE OTHER INDEPENDENT PAPER)  
ASHANTI REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, CDR. OSEI, ORDERED  
PIONEER TO STOP PUBLISHING AFTER IT RAN A CRITICAL  
STORY ON MAY 8 ABOUT CLOSING OF UNIVERSITY OF GHANA,  
LEGON. AS A RESULT, PIONEER HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN SINCE  
MAY 10.

2. COMMENT: IN ITS MAY 8 STORY, PIONEER CARRIED STATE-  
MENT BY UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES ASSERTING, INTER ALIA, THAT  
AFTER TEACHERS WENT ON STRIKE O/A APRIL 14, "THE ARREST  
OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA HAS MADE  
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR TEACHING TO BE RESUMED." HOWEVER,  
SINCE GOG-CONTROLLED DAILY GRAPHIC ALSO CARRIED TEXT  
OF STATEMENT ON MAY 11, WE DOUBT THIS IS REAL REASON  
WHY PIONEER HAS BEEN BANNED. PAPER HAS BEEN CRITICAL  
OF SMC FOR SOME TIME AND WAS CLOSED DOWN BY SMC IN 1973  
AND AGAIN IN 1975. ITS CURRENT CLOSURE IS A FURTHER  
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SIGN THAT HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG IS NOT PRESENTLY  
INCLINED TO TOLERATE PUBLIC DISSENT. BORN

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